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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S VISIT TO SOVIET UNION

1. IN COURSE OF CALL OCT 10 ON DEPUTY SECY RUSH, AMB YASUKAWA PROVIDED INTERIM REPORT ON PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S OBVIOUSLY TRYING EXPERIENCE WITH SOV LEADERSHIP DURING CURRENT MOSCOW VISIT. AT TIME OF THIS CONVERSATION, JAPANESE EMBASSY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FULL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FROM MOSCOW AND AGREEMENT ON WORDING OF COMMUNIQUE HAD NOT YET BEEN REACHED ALTHOUGH YASUKAWA SAID JAPANESE STILL EXPECTED COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED. HOWEVER, PRELIMINARY JAPANESE  
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EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORT HAD DESCRIBED BREZHNEV AS

"ADAMANT", NOT TO SAY "ARROGANT", ON NORTHERN TERRITORIAL ISSUE AND IN BEHAVIOR TOWARD TANAKA. JAPANESE WERE OBVIOUSLY MIFFED AT BREZHNEV'S FAILURE TO SHOW UP FOR SCHEDULED APPEARANCES AT LUNCHEON AND BOLSHOI PERFORMANCE IN TANAKA'S HONOR.

2. YASUKAWA SAID JAPANESE HAD NOT EXPECTED SOVS TO CONCEDE TO JAPANESE CLAIM TO NORTHERN TERRITORIES THIS TIME BUT FELT THAT IF SOVS HAD BEEN WILLING TO SAY THAT TERRITORIAL ISSUE IS STILL PENDING, THIS WOULD HAVE REPRESENTED SOME FORWARD STEP TOWARD PEACE TREATY. HE ADDED IT NOW APPEARS DOUBTFUL THAT SOVS WILL BE WILLING TO GO EVEN THIS FAR. HE SAID EMBASSY HAD

NO HARD INFORMATION ON OTHER ASPECTS OF MOSCOW TALKS, BUT JAPANESE HAD IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS WISHED TO PLACE GREATEST EMPHASIS SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

3. DEPUTY SECY COMMENTED THAT RELUCTANCE OF SOVS, WHO POSSESS ONE SIXTH OF WORLD LAND SURFACE, TO LET GO OF ANY TERRITORY IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND IN TERMS OF LOGIC. EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S DIFFICULT POSITION IN CRUCIAL VISIT, DEPUTY SECY ADDED THAT PROSPECT OF JAPANESE FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WAS TANAKA'S STRONGEST CARD WHICH, IF PLAYED WITHOUT CONCESSION FROM SOVS, MIGHT MEAN JAPAN WOULD NEVER GET ISLANDS BACK.

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